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HB 306

**GLACIER
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February 11, 2013

Chairman David Howard
House Human Services Committee
Room 451
PO Box 200400
Helena, MT 59620-0400

VIA: PDF

RE: HB 306

Dear Chairman Howard and Members of the Committee:

I am unable to join you today as a witness. However I would like to share my opposition to HB 306, a bill for an act to revise laws related to certificates of need for ambulatory surgical care facilities; increasing the population level that triggers a certificate of need review; requiring an impact study for a certificate of need and amending various sections of Montana Code Annotated.

Currently I serve as Chief of Staff at Kalispell Regional Healthcare. I also regularly travel to Libby and Polson, where I perform sub-specialty services that these small rural community hospitals do not have proficiency on their own, to provide to their communities.

Across rural Montana, patients need and deserve the option to have local access to health care with prices that are a good fit for their rural markets. If HB 306, without amendments, were enacted, the restrictive nature of this legislation could prohibit communities from having access to appropriate services, partnerships and care they deem are appropriate for their own patients and community needs. Allowing communities to select the care they need, the partnerships that support local demands for care, at prices patients can afford, in a manner that they can afford just makes sense to me. The barriers to access for care, presented in HB 306, create an un-level playing field for patients and communities, in my opinion.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my own point of view and thank you for your hard work as you discuss access to care for rural Montanans. If I can be helpful please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,



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EDUCATION

Medical School	University of Washington – Seattle, WA M.D., 1985
Undergraduate	University of Washington – Seattle, WA B.S., Biology 1981
High School	Fort Vancouver High School – Vancouver, WA 1977

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Fellowship (Glaucoma)	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Iowa City, IA 1990 – 1991
Residency	The Washington Hospital Center Washington D.C. 1987 – 1990
Internship	Deaconess Medical Center Spokane, WA 1985 – 1986

WORK EXPERIENCE

Glacier Eye Clinic – Kalispell, MT 1991 – Present
Physician - Owner

Deaconess Medical Center – Spokane, WA 1986 – 1987
Senior resident for high risk obstetrical care (Part-time)

First Care Minor Emergency Center – Spokane, WA 1986 – 1987
Staff Physician (Full-time)

MEDICAL LICENSURE

State of Washington	1986 – 1988
State of Iowa	1990 – 1991
State of Montana	1991 – Present #6824

CERTIFICATION

Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners, July 1986

Board Certified Ophthalmology, 1991

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Ophthalmology

Montana Medical Association

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Flathead County Medical Association

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HONORS AND AWARDS

American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award 2009

Best Doctors in America 1998 - present

Chief Resident – Ophthalmology, Washington Hospital Center 1989 –1990

Davis Cup – Best Contribution, Washington Hospital Center

Resident's Day Research Project, 1989

Thesis Honors – University of Washington Medical School, 1985

Valedictorian, Fort Vancouver High School, 1977

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Characterization of Cone Fucosylated Protein. A.H. Bunt, J.C. Saari, and R. Barth; ARVO Abstracts 7-5:30
2. Fucosylated Protein of Retinal Cone Photoreceptor Outer Segments: Morphological and Biochemical Analysis. A.H. Bunt, J.C. Saari, (R. Barth acknowledgement). Journal of Cell Biology, Vol 92, Feb. 1982; 269-276
3. Retinal and Brain Abnormalities in a Case of Probable Warburg Syndrome. Thesis Honors, University of Washington Medical School, June 1985
4. Blind Conjunctival Biopsies for Patients with Suspected Sarcoidosis. Resident's Day, The Washington Hospital Center, Feb. 1989
5. Changing Trends in Eye Trauma at the Washington Hospital Center 1984-88. Resident's Day, The Washington Hospital Center, Feb. 1989

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Long distance running, golf, skiing, piano.

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Montana Academy of Ophthalmology, President 1996 – 1997
Montana Academy of Ophthalmology, Counsellor 1997 – 2003
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